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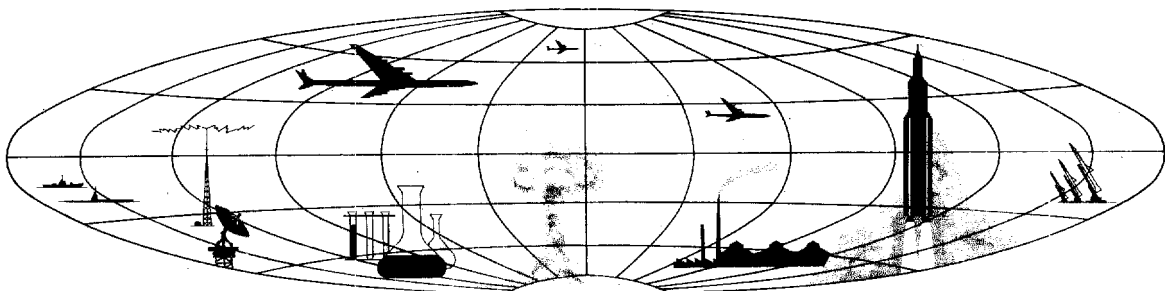
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3552, DATED 13 APRIL 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

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MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SIX REVETTED, PROBABLY CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, AND GUIDANCE REVETMENT VISIBLE. OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SITE IS ABANDONED. NO EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, OCCUPIED GUIDANCE REVETMENT, 2 SMALL REVETMENTS (EACH CONTAINING ONE VAN), AND APPROXIMATELY 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED
GUIDANCE AREA, AND 5 PROBABLE PRIME MOVERS VISIBLE.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

APPROXIMATELY 10 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN
CLOUD-FREE AREA.

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.
FIVE PROBABLE SHIPPING CRATES (4 APPROXIMATELY
45 X 10 FT AND ONE APPROXIMATELY 35 X 10 FT)
OBSERVED ON TAXIWAY. HAZE AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY
PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 13 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED
SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 35 FISHBED,
4 LIAISON, AND 2 FARMER OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

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AIRCRAFT -- 4 CONSTELLATION, 2 C-54, ONE BRITANNIA,
ONE COOT, 4 CAB, 5 CRATE, ONE LODESTAR, ONE B-26,
AND 2 LIAISON.

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CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 25 LIAISON/TRAINER, 8 COLT, 2 CAB,
2 CRATE, AND ONE PBY.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE, ONE CAB, 58 HOUND, 3 HARE, AND
2 BELL HELICOPTERS.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 8 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, AND ONE PC
VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 18 FREIGHTERS, 5 TRAWLERS, ONE
KOMAR-CLASS PGMG ON MARINE RAILWAY, ONE
COASTAL TANKER, 2 PC, ONE COASTAL FREIGHTER
VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER ANCHORED AT PUNTA
GERARDO.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED
INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT AT THE MAIN CAMP OR NEW TENT AREA SINCE
MISSION.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

THREE LARGE BUILDINGS VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREA.

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HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

SCATTERED CLOUDS, HAZE, AND A GAP IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION OF MAIN CAMP. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE TWO ENCAMPMENTS SE OF THE MAIN CAMP SINCE MISSION

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN THE CAMP PROPER, OR IN THE SMALL ENCAMPMENT 2.3 NM SE SINCE MISSION. THE SMALL ENCAMPMENT .8 NM NORTH NOW CONTAINS AN ADDITIONAL 7 LARGE TENTS (NOT OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE) MAKING A TOTAL OF 24.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES A DETAILED INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT SINCE MISSION

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

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INTERPRETATION. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE
IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS, VEHICLES, OR PIECES
OF EQUIPMENT SINCE MISSION [REDACTED]

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

TWENTY-EIGHT LOWBOY TRAILERS WITH PRIME MOVERS AND
APPROXIMATELY 300 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY
20 FA PIECES AND 30 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- NUMEROUS FA PIECES AND VEHICLES OBSERVED.
WEST AREA -- 12 FA PIECES AND APPROXIMATELY 35
VEHICLES.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

LOWBOY TRAILER AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 16 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY
40 PROBABLE VEHICLES.
AREA 2 -- APPROXIMATELY 10 PROBABLE VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- 14 PROBABLE TANKS, APPROXIMATELY 5
VEHICLES, 9 PROBABLE CRATES/TRAILERS LOCATED IN
FRONT OF TANK HARDSTAND. HAZE AND POOR IMAGE
QUALITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.
AREA 4 -- IDENTIFICATION ONLY.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

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SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY
25 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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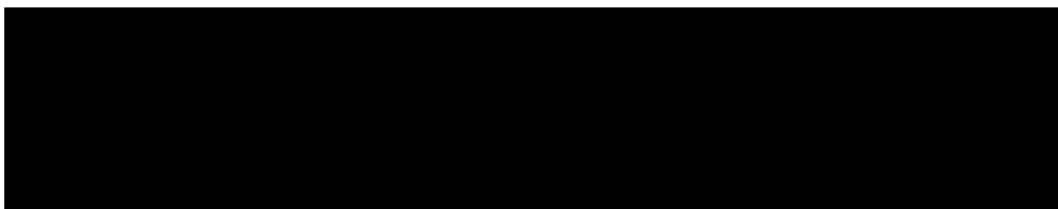
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W

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SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
CHAMBAS SAM SITE	2213N 07853W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2257N 08221W
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2300N 08250W
BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD	2023N 07638W
CABANAS PORT	2259N 08256W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W

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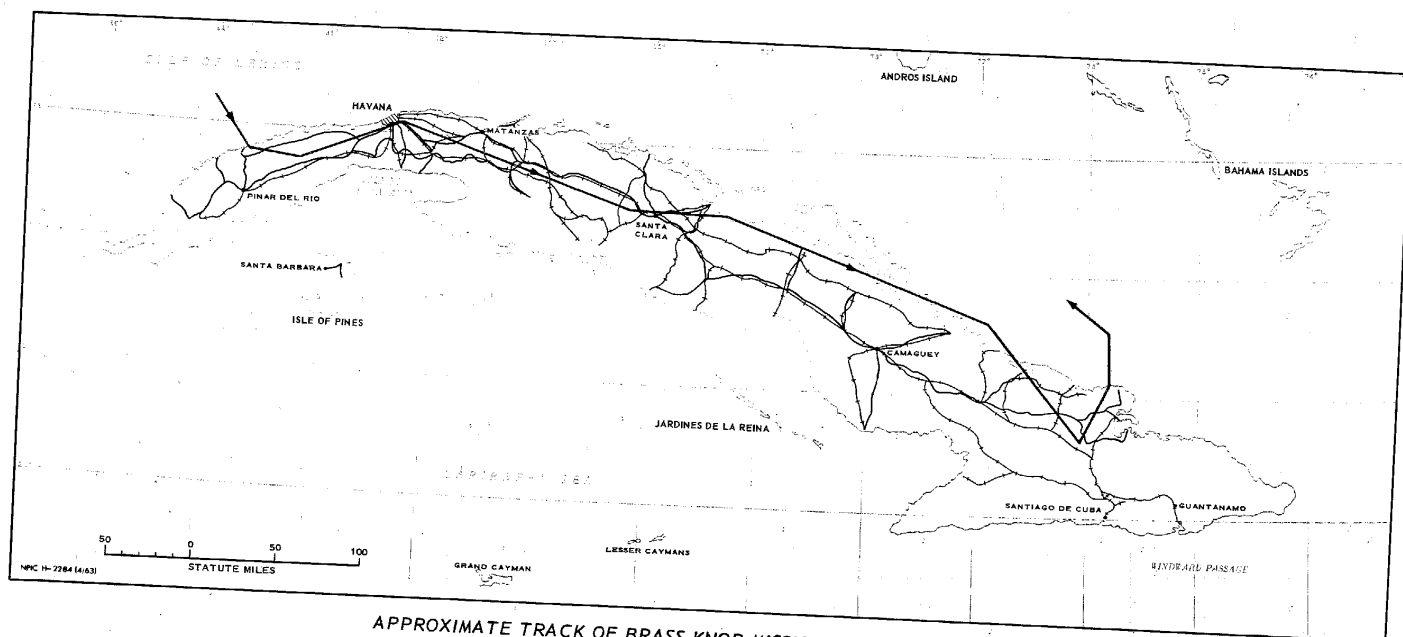
CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C

2258N 08258W

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